

**Belmont Cable Access Committee (CAC)**  
**Minutes 6/24/2003**  
**7:30 PM, BCTV Channel 8 Studio**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman John Verrilli at 7:40pm

Present: Maryann~ Scali and Abiodun Shobowale, Channel 8

The committee consists of four members: L. Kutner and T. Bloniarz were not present so two members consisted of a quorum. (Bob Blakelock and Sue Timberlake have declined~re-appointment).

The minutes of May 20, 2003 were approved.

There were no calls concerning coverage of the station. The Town Meeting coverage was very good, with lots of new volunteers.

Chr. Verrilli asked if the rebroadcasting of Selectmen's meetings, TMM and other meetings were fading in and out. Abby will check to track the signal. We may have to purchase a video distribution amplifier.

CAC/CTAC Joint Committee:

Discussion of the last meeting-June 19- Paul Berg of NEWTV, Newton, Mass came and explained his successful program, which has been running for over 10 years. It is a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation.

A request for a proposal for a consultant to access the 2 phase PEG Access Corporation Study. Money will come from the underspend account. M. Scali met with Town Accountant Barbara Hagg and she explained the state procurement law (Chap 30B). We need three bids.

CAC Appointments to the Committee:

M. Scali~compiled a list from the Town Hall of people interested in joining the committee. Chr. Verrilli will call applicants and relay to the Selectmen suggestions for appointment. Names suggested were: Janet Macy, Fred Skoler, Barry Blesser and Debra Danzig. Yiorgos Kostoulas was suggested for the AD Hoc Committee.

Budget- J. Verrilli will call Mark Aposotolon the~Access Supervisor for the station and request that he come to the next meeting with the budget.

Capital Equipment: Abby will check for a need of video distribution amp. We are starting to look at NEWTEK Video Toaster, the~"Studio in a Box."

Abby discussed Belmont's Youth Voices, a program produced by middle school students. They are live and have a call in. Their next program is~Interview with the Fire Department.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 15, at 7:30, in the BCTV studio.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted:

M. Scali, Pro-tem Secretary